

Climate Class Spring 1 Newsletter

Another busy half term for Climate Class, I'm sure the time goes quicker as we go through the year!

In Maths, the children have worked really hard on their formal methods of multiplication, using the column method, and division using the bus stop method. We have had a huge

focus on times tables this half term, with our Year 5's being Times tables buddies for the Year 4's and I think I can safely say we are the fastest class at recalling

these facts- well done to all the children for their hard work on these! We have also in the last few weeks started our work on Fractions, which is a big unit for us. So far, we have covered Equivalent fractions and have just begun to use methods to add and subtract them.

In English, we started the half term with a non-chronological report based on a rare tribe, that live in the Amazon rainforest, called the Yanomami tribe. The children used their skills to research of fabulous facts. Our most recent piece of writing was based on a video about a girl named Francis Brandywine. There was an element of horror to this unit of work as poor Francis disappears after rowing out into the middle of the lake. The children have taken this and created their own terrifying horror stories and have let their imagination run wild!

In Science, our topic has been Forces. The children have designed their own parachute to test air resistance (don't worry we used a ball to test these out, no children were harmed!). They have also investigated the effects of water resistance and explored how mechanisms such as levers, pulleys and gears work. They all showed great enthusiasm for this unit and have definitely shown me we have some mad scientists within our class!

We finally finished our Ancient Greek history topic and learnt all about

Alexander the Great, the Olympics and The Battle of Marathon, understanding that the Ancient Greeks made a huge influence on some of the things we still use today such as democracy and concepts of Maths and Science. We have now moved on to our Geography topic of North America and will continue

to explore the amazing physical and human geography of this vast continent after half term.

A huge well done to all the children in Class 4 this half term. They have worked extremely hard and I hope they all have a well-deserved break this half term! 😊

